

Application No. 09/944,466
Amendment dated September 9, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Action of May 10, 2004, has been received and reviewed by counsel for Assignee. In that Action claims 1-4 were rejected as anticipated by *Kanda*. Claims 5-11 were allowed.

By this response counsel has canceled claims 1-4. Minor amendments to correct matters of form have been made to claims 5-11. Because no substantive changes have been made to these claims, claims 5-11 are believed allowable in accordance with the Examiner's statement.

New claims 12-15 have been added. New claims 12-15 are claims corresponding closely to method claims 5, 6, 9 and 11, but which have been rewritten in apparatus form. These new claims are believed allowable for the same reasons as claims 5-11.

In view of the foregoing, counsel for Assignee believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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